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State data comprises information collected and submitted via the FY 2003/2004 Public Library Annual Report for public libraries' fiscal years completed prior to October 1, 2003.

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- There are more public libraries in Michigan than there are McDonald's restaurants - a total of 683 libraries including branches, while there are only 537 McDonald's.
- The American Library Association (ALA) has found that Public libraries receive most of their revenue from the unit of local government of which they are a part. Libraries in at least 41 states (82 percent) report funding cuts of as much as 50 percent.
- More children participate in summer reading programs at libraries than play Little League baseball.
- In Michigan last year, libraries entertained & educated 1.5 million people with Children's Programming. That's just about equal to the total accumulated attendance at home Michigan State University and University of Michigan football games last year. And just think.... the library programs were at no charge!

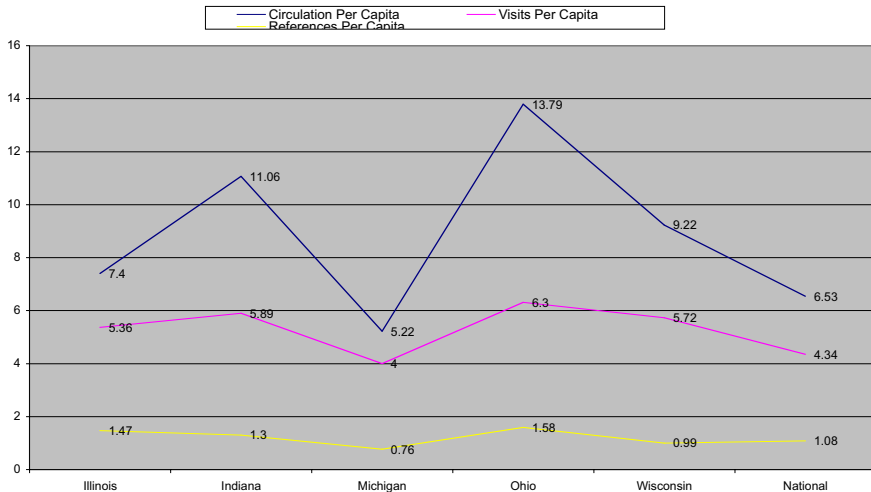
- Reference librarians in Michigan's public libraries answer more than seven million questions a year. Standing single file, the line of questioners would circle the entire state - both Upper and Lower peninsulas.
- There are 5.1 million registered borrowers in Michigan public libraries.
- Each Michigan resident checks out an average of five items and spends less per year in taxes for the public library than the cost of one best seller.
- Michigan public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without an Internet connection at home, school or work. Computers were used 17.3 million times in FY 2003. If the people who used these computers had used them for only one hour at a commercial provider (like Kinko's), they would have paid around \$12 per hour, or \$207 million across the state.
- Michigan libraries make information affordable, available and accessible to all people.

National Comparisons*

| | Michigan's Ranking | Michigan Averages | National Averages |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| State operating income per capita | 20 | \$1.62 | \$3.82 |
| Local operating income per capita | 14 | \$27.99 | \$23.20 |
| Total operating income per capita | 16 | \$33.17 | \$30.02 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | 19 | \$28.76 | \$27.64 |
| Reference transactions per capita | 35 | 0.76 | 1.08 |
| Books/serial volumes per capita | 27 | 2.74 | 2.8 |
| Visits per capita | 31 | 4.0 | 4.34 |
| Circulation per capita | 35 | 5.22 | 6.53 |

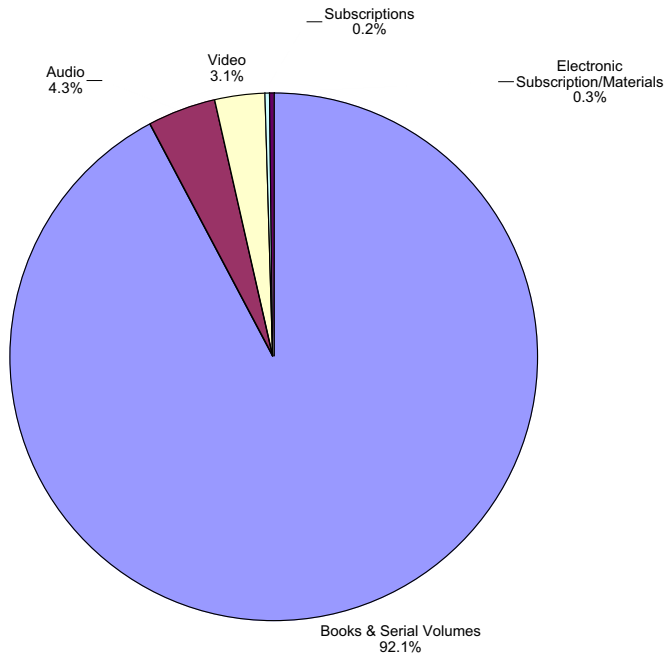
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Library Services - Regional Comparisons FY 2001*



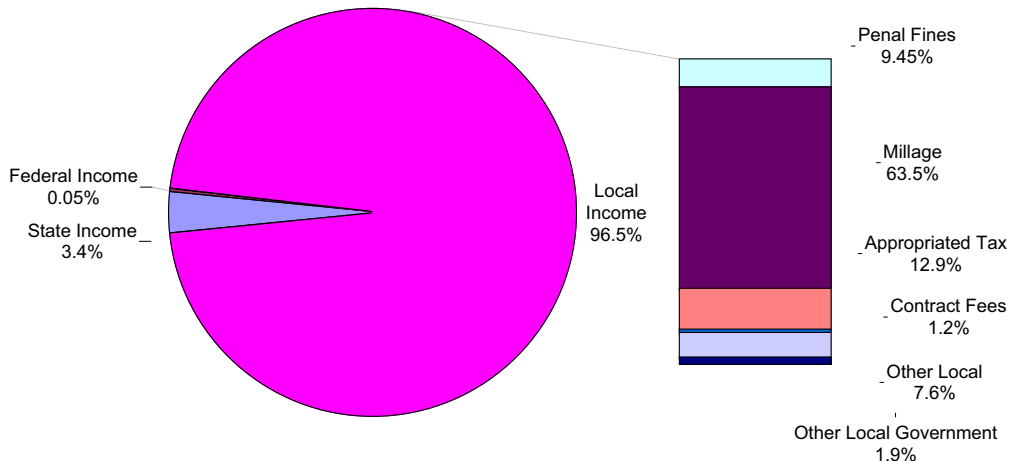
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Michigan Public Library Collections FY 2003



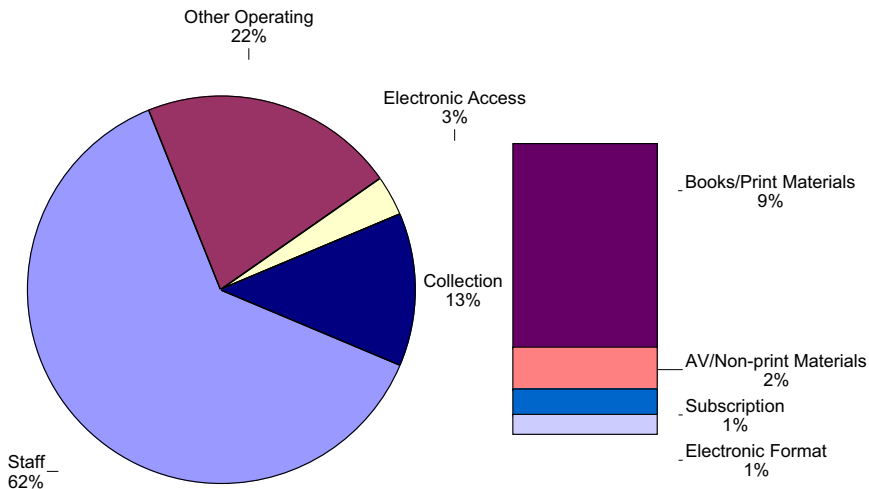
Operating Income by Source FY 2003

Michigan's public libraries received \$348 million total operating income, an average of \$34.99 received to provide services for each Michigan resident.



Operating Expenditures FY 2003

Michigan's public libraries spent \$308 million total operating expenditures and \$54 million total capital





A day in the life:

On a typical day, Michigan public libraries:

- Welcome 118,363 people
- Circulate 167,421 items
- Conduct 21,752 reference transactions
- Facilitate 48,247 users of electronic resources

Staying Connected in Michigan

Current and cutting edge resources are in great demand, and the Library of Michigan keeps Michigan residents current by providing the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) - which boasts more than \$3.6 million worth of quality electronic resources.

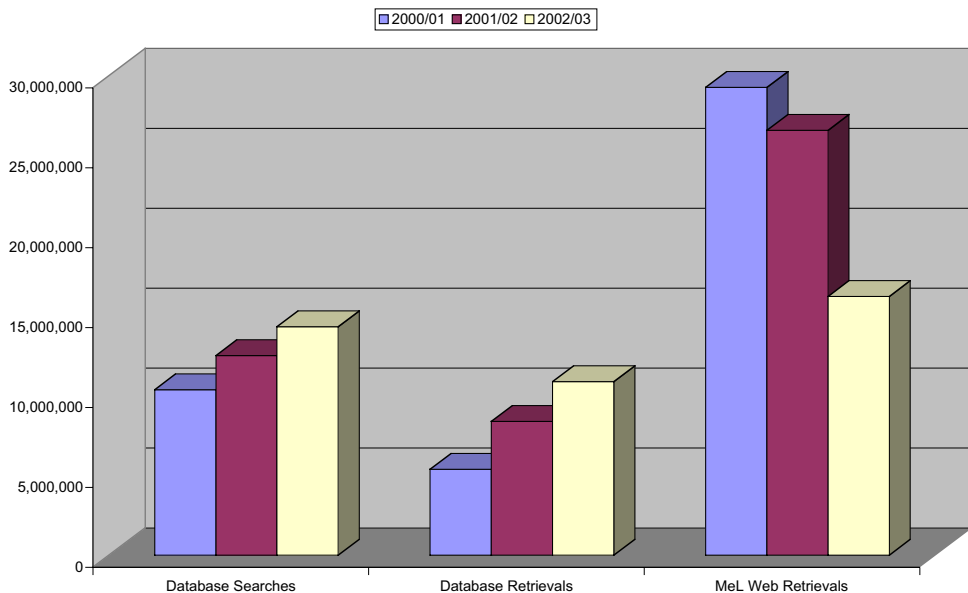


They are accessible from Michigan libraries, a Michigan Library Web page or from the MeL Web site (www.mel.org) using a Michigan driver's license or state ID number.

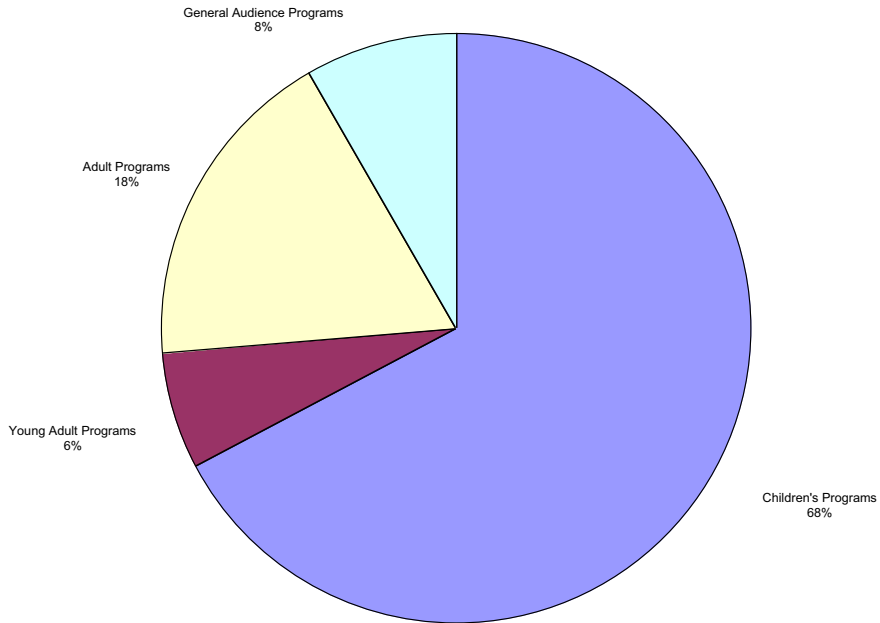
With resources from over 30 databases and content from 13,000 electronic books, 12,000 magazines and 150 newspapers (over 50 million articles), Michigan's residents now have a 24-hour virtual library with material for all ages on a very wide range of topics.

The newest MeL resources are: Gale's "What do I read next", a guide to finding fiction and non-fiction books that match a user's reading interests and the Turfgrass database from Michigan State University, a comprehensive source for researchers.

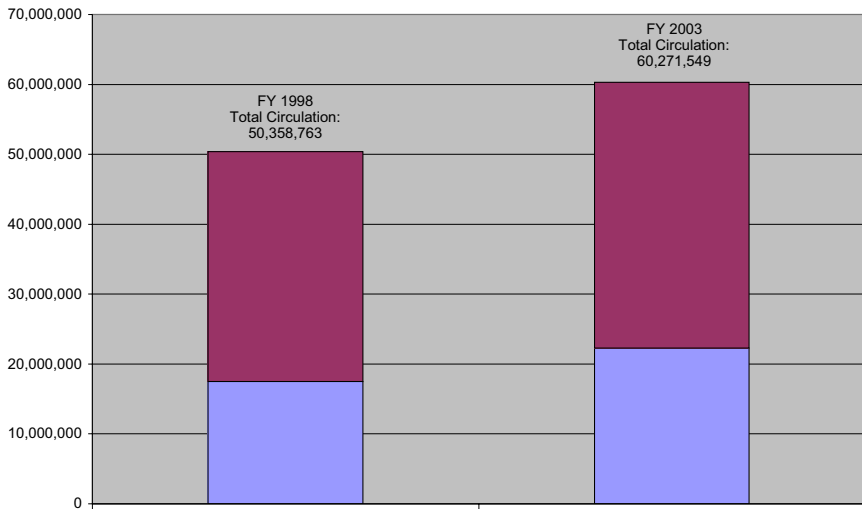
MeL Usage



Statewide Library Program Attendance FY 2003



Circulation Trends FY 1998 - FY 2003



| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| ■ Non-Children's Circulation | 32900052 | 37995694 |
| ■ Children's Circulation | 17458711 | 22275855 |

Since FY 1998, there has been a 19% increase in Total Circulation, and 27% in Children's Circulation.

Five Years and Counting...

Americans love libraries, and Michiganders are no exception. At a time when information and entertainment options proliferate, Michigan libraries continue to provide access to nearly anything on the Web or in print with personal assistance in the search. While technology has changed the way that some patrons interface with the library, since many services are now available through a library's Web page, the data suggests that Michigan residents are using libraries now more than ever, indicating that libraries are the core of our states information structure and community.

In **FY 1998**, Michigan public libraries had:

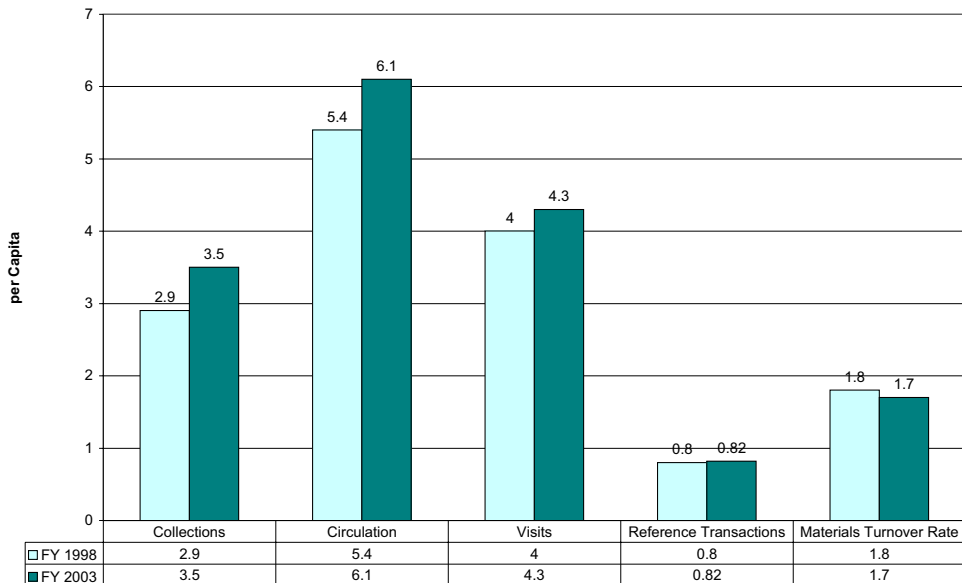
- Automated systems at 71% of the libraries
- 27.3 million items available in their collections

- 1.3 million actual hours open to the public
- Internet access available at 95% of the libraries
- 3,988 computers available for public use

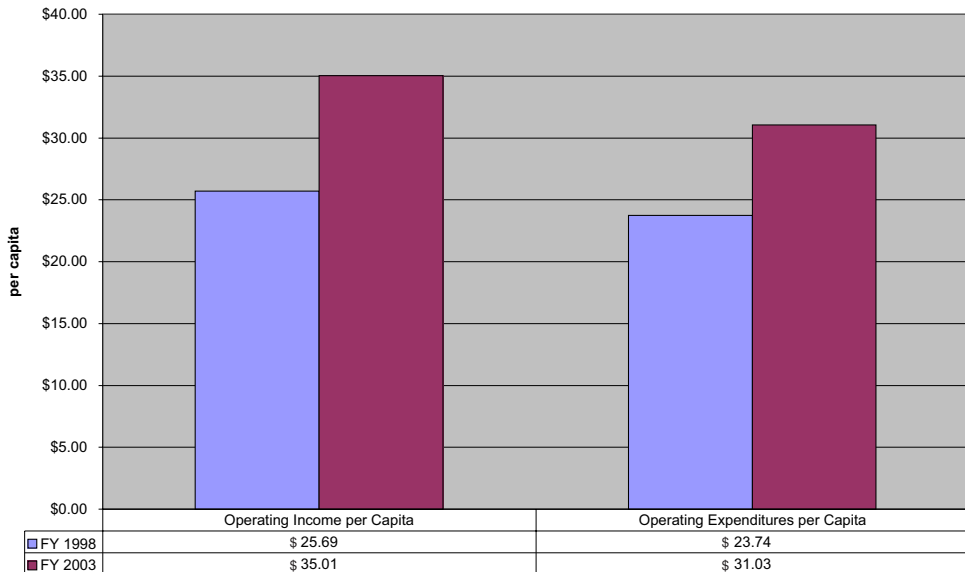
In **FY 2003**, Michigan public libraries had:

- Automated systems at 86% of the libraries
- 35 million items available in their collections
- 1.4 million actual hours open to the public
- Internet access available at 99% of libraries
- 7,570 computers available for public use

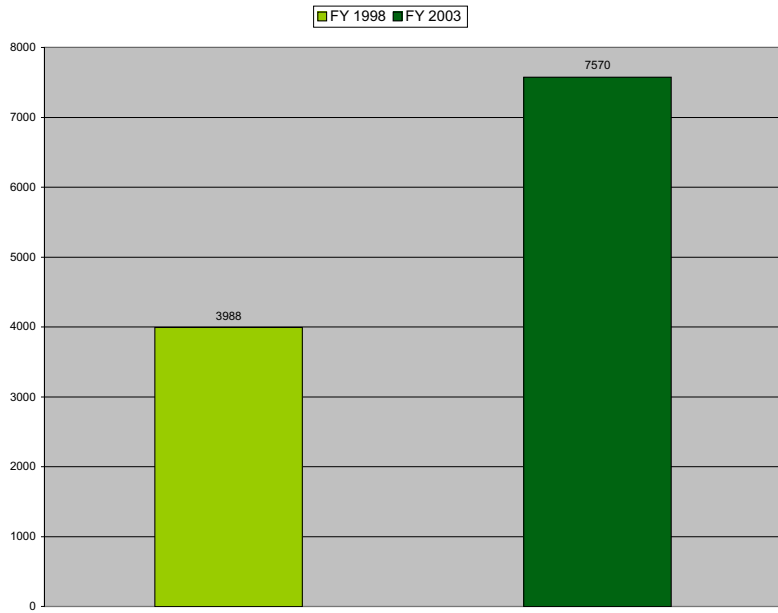
Statewide Library Service Trends FY 1998 - FY 2003



Library Operating Income and Expenditure Trends FY 1998 - FY 2003



Computers Available to the Public FY 1998 - FY 2003



Class I - Libraries serving a population of 0-3,999

| | FY 1998 | FY 2003 |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| State operating income per capita | \$.89 | \$ 1.07 |
| Local operating income per capita | \$19.90 | \$27.73 |
| Total operating income per capita | \$21.10 | \$28.86 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | \$16.61 | \$26.14 |
| Reference per capita | 5 | 5 |
| Collections per capita | 5.7 | 6.5 |
| Visits per capita | 3.6 | 4.3 |
| Circulation per capita | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| Number of Computers available to the Public . | .168 | .330 |

Class II - Libraries serving a population of 4,000-6,999

FY 1998

FY 2003

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| State operating income per capita | \$.89 | \$.79 |
| Local operating income per capita | \$17.96 | \$24.51 |
| Total operating income per capita | \$19.09 | \$25.37 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | \$16.11 | \$21.47 |
| Reference per capita | 4 | 4 |
| Collections per capita | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| Visits per capita | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Circulation per capita | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| Number of Computers available to the Public . | 257 | 461 |

Class III - Libraries serving a population of 7,000-11,999

FY 1998

FY 2003

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| State operating income per capita | \$.88 | \$.79 |
| Local operating income per capita | \$19.63 | \$22.14 |
| Total operating income per capita | \$20.62 | \$22.98 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | \$18.09 | \$20.33 |
| Reference per capita | 5 | 5 |
| Collections per capita | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Visits per capita | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| Circulation per capita | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| Number of Computers available to the Public . | .459 |672 |

Class IV - Libraries serving a population of 12,000-25,999

FY 1998

FY 2003

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| State operating income per capita | \$.94 | \$.85 |
| Local operating income per capita | \$24.34 | \$30.92 |
| Total operating income per capita | \$25.45 | \$31.77 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | \$22.66 | \$28.22 |
| Reference per capita | 5 | 6 |
| Collections per capita | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Visits per capita | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Circulation per capita | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| Number of Computers available to the Public . | .587 | 1144 |

Class V - Libraries serving a population of 26,000-49,999

FY 1998

FY 2003

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| State operating income per capita | \$.95 | \$.87 |
| Local operating income per capita | \$25.68 | \$35.15 |
| Total operating income per capita | \$27.34 | \$36.02 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | \$27.10 | \$33.28 |
| Reference per capita | .8 |8 |
| Collections per capita | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Visits per capita | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| Circulation per capita | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Number of Computers available to the Public . | .512 | 1053 |

Class VI - Libraries serving a population of 50,000 and over

FY 1998

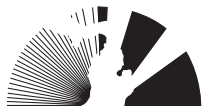
FY 2003

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| State operating income per capita | \$ 1.98 | \$ 1.44 |
| Local operating income per capita | \$24.57 | \$36.20 |
| Total operating income per capita | \$26.65 | \$37.65 |
| Operating expenditures per capita | \$24.78 | \$33.10 |
| Reference per capita | 1.0 | 9 |
| Collections per capita | 2.6 | 3.4 |
| Visits per capita | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| Circulation per capita | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| Number of Computers available to the Public .2005 | | .3910 |

Did you know???

In FY 2003, Michigan's public libraries:

- Were open to the public 1,427,922 hours
- Offered more than 48,000 programs to children across the state
- Answered 7.8 million reference questions
- Continued to expand the statewide electronic databases
- Provided Internet access at 99% of libraries
- Had 5.1 active registered borrowers
- Employed 7,877 people, 1,539 of which were Full Time Employees with Masters Degrees in Library Science
- Spent over \$39 million on their collections, to continue to provide the best information and items of interest.



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